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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated May 16, 2002  
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Please amend this application as follows:

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In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12 with the following paragraph:

Conveniently the nucleic acid sequence is obtainable from cassava, preferably obtained therefrom, and typically encodes a polypeptide obtainable from cassava. In a particular embodiment, the encoded polypeptide may have the amino acid sequence NSKH (SEQ ID NO: 32) at about position 697 (in relation to Figure 4 (SEQ. ID. NO. 29)), which sequence appears peculiar to an isoform of the SBE class A enzyme of cassava, other class A SBE enzymes having the conserved sequence DA D/E Y (SEQ ID NO: 33) (Burton et al., 1995 cited above).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 7 with the following paragraph:

In another aspect the invention provides a polypeptide having SBE activity, the polypeptide comprising an effective portion of the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 4 (SEQ. ID. NO. 29) or Figure 13 (SEQ. ID. NO. 31). The polypeptide is conveniently one obtainable from cassava, although it may be derived using recombinant DNA techniques. The polypeptide

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